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### **Eight Indicted for Unemployment Insurance Fraud in Statewide Crackdown Initiative**

Attorney General Alan Wilson and the SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) announced today that grand juries in Aiken, Fairfield, Greenville, Oconee, Spartanburg, and Richland counties have indicted eight individuals for their involvement in receiving unemployment benefits while being gainfully employed.

The Attorney General's Office and DEW have joined forces to identify and prosecute suspected unemployment fraud throughout the state.

As a result of this ongoing effort, eight suspected offenders listed below have been indicted on eight felony charges for receiving unemployment benefits to which they were not entitled. The funds wrongfully obtained total \$114,434.

Lonell Alston	Fairfield County
Jimmy Dillard	Spartanburg County
Janice Manning	Richland County
Tremaine Patterson	Greenville County
Calvin Spell	Richland County
Fonda Walker	Aiken County
Terry White	Oconee County
Raymond Whiteside	Spartanburg County

Wilson stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless, and until, they are proven guilty in a court of law.

To report suspected unemployment insurance fraud, call DEW at 803.737.2490. Callers can remain anonymous.

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